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# FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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*Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library*

## Friends Annual Spring Event — April 17, 2003



Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's annual spring event to be held on **Saturday April 17, 2004 at 7:30 PM**. Dennis Davenport, Associate Professor of Music, and Stella Kane, Dance Coordinator, are planning an evening of musical entertainment featuring Otterbein students in the Music and Theatre departments. More information will be provided soon.

## Grooms on Faith, Art, and the Dream of the Beloved Community

On Monday, October 27, 2003, playwright, poet, and 2003-04 Common Book Author Tony Grooms visited Courtright Memorial Library. His presentation, *Faith, Art and the Dream of the Beloved Community* focused on the central themes of his novel, *Bombingham*. Following his presentation, Grooms signed autographs for those in attendance. This presentation was sponsored by the Torch & Key Honorary Society and the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library.



*Patti Rothermich with Grooms and his plaque for Bombingham.*



*Debra Halbert, Tony Grooms, Mary Pat Knight & Larry Cox pose for one more picture.*

## Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, April 25, 2003

### Oral History Project

The class of 1953, co-chaired by Marilyn Day, successfully raised money to begin an oral history project to preserve the memories of Otterbein Alumni, Emeriti, and friends. On March 13, 2003, Marilyn Day and Joanne Van Sant interviewed Robert Knight, '28, as part of this project. Stephen Grinch, College Archivist, videotaped and recorded the interview that was held in the Philomathean Room.



Stephen Grinch, Joanne Van Sant, Doug Knight, Mary Pat Knight, Robert Knight, Marilyn Day, Gertrude Knight

President Mary Pat Knight called the meeting to order immediately after the evening's entertainment, Travel Tips by Two Titans of Travel: Not Your Mother's Travel Log. A motion (J. Wells/W. Vance) to suspend reading of minutes from the previous Annual Meeting passed.

There was no old business. Copies of by-law changes were distributed. A Motion (J. Grissinger/T. Kerr) to accept the proposed by-laws changes passed. [Secretary's note: The changes are (a) All officers shall be elected for a term of two years . . . and (b) Two members-at-large shall be added to the Friends Council.]

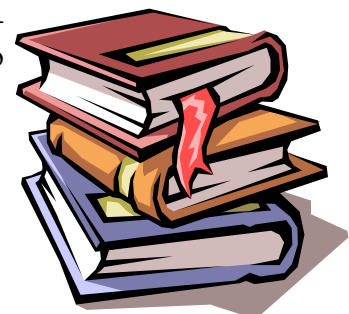
Lois Szudy commented further on this year's attractive book-mark, the winner in a Design 101 class competition assignment. Computer generation is now an option. The winning designer is Kari Johnston, a freshman. Senior Julie Smith has re-designed the library web-site. President Mary Pat Knight thanked all who participated in

the evening's program, especially those Titans of Travel, Dr. Marilyn Day and Dean Joanne Van Sant. Treasurer Lois Szudy reported a balance of \$7,925.28. Bids are still being sought for shelving and couches, as previously voted. Marilyn Day reported that the Golden Class of 1953 has set its goal of \$53,000 to endow creation of visual and auditory records for college archives. Half the total has already been pledged. The library is one of the four or five areas to be targeted in the next college financial campaign (presumably for benign purposes). President Mary Pat Knight raised the question of what kind of "entertainment" the Friends should sponsor for the 2004 Annual Meeting. She also commented on the successful Common Book events this year. The 2003 Annual Meeting was adjourned with a "blessing" by John Wells.

Mary Cay Wells, Secretary

### Fund a "Book" (or video, CD, DVD)

Would you like to give a special gift this year? Then please consider donating money to *Fund a "Book,"* an ongoing library fund raising project to help supplement the library materials budget. You have the opportunity to fund the purchase of a book, video, or other type of material for the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein College. The minimum donation is \$25.00. If you so choose, you can specify your donation to be used to purchase items on a particular subject or topic. Your donation can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion or anniversary. A special bookplate will be placed inside the item. To participate in this fund raising opportunity, you can go online to the Friends' web page and fill out the "Fund a Book" form or you can contact Lois Szudy (614) 823-1414 for more information.



## A Goodbye from the 2002 Editor

by Julie Smith

The last time I wrote for this newsletter my shoes were dusted with snow and my mind was preoccupied with the many deadlines that loomed before me. Between that moment and this one, everything has changed.

In June I graduated from Otterbein with a B.S. in Math. In July I returned to Otterbein for the first time not as a student, but as an alum ... and temporary employee.

In the interim between graduation and my inexorable job search, Lois was kind enough to let me continue working at the library. A library job meant I could afford groceries and electricity without becoming a beast of burden for the food service industry (something I am forever indebted to her for).

Now its August and I have finally found myself a Job. It's a Job with a capital J, the kind where I can wear my own clothes and they speak of concepts like *salary* and *medical coverage*. I will be working for McGraw-Hill, tracking science textbook manuscripts through various stages of publication.

I am looking forward to the future: I have plans to study Operations Research in Boston and next year will even travel to Milan. No matter where I end up, I will always fondly remember the Courtright Memorial Library (its staff, its director, and its Friends); my growth as a student flourished due to the wealth of its resources.

Thanks for everything!

## Treasurer's Report

As of January 1, 2004, the Friends have \$10,703 available to spend. A portion of these funds will be used to purchase comfortable furniture and additional shelving in conjunction with the renovation this summer. The library is waiting to see what furniture is selected for the "Internet Café" and will purchase a similar style. Purchasing furniture for inside the library at the same time will save money through bulk purchases. For more information, see *Capital Campaign and Facilities Changes* on page 5.



## A Welcome from the New Editor

by Elaine Yavorcik

After reading past friends' newsletters and trying to discover my part as editor, I was excited by the role I was about to take on. As a broadcasting major, editing is something that is always done, but in TV and radio, it's often quick and informal. I now have the chance to take my time and do a formal editing job—skills that will be with me throughout my career.

Here at Otterbein I also serve as a tutor in the writing center, a member of the Otterbein Christian Fellowship servant team, and the webmaster for Alpha Lambda Delta, which is where I met Lois and was given the opportunity to be a part of this newsletter. I look forward to sharing this "Friendly" experience with you!

## New Staff in the Library

In November, Kellie Clark, Reference and Cataloging Librarian resigned to spend more time with her newborn son, Braeden. On January 12, Amy B. Parsons, started as our newest librarian. Amy received her BA in Art History from OSU in 1991 and her Master's degree in Library and Information Science in May 2002 from San Jose State University. Her most recent position was at the Chapman University Law Library in Orange, CA where she was the Catalog/Reference Librarian.

## A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

**Dr. Charles W. Dodrill**, age 69, suffered a fatal heart attack April 23, 2003. Aptly referred to as the “founding father of central Ohio theatre,” the scope of his accomplishments resists summary. He began teaching and directing at Otterbein College in 1958. His contributions to the development of theatre at Otterbein are incalculable.

- He supervised the very formation of Otterbein’s Department of Speech and Theatre.
- In 1960, he launched the Guest Artist program.
- He established the Summer Theatre program (now in its 36<sup>th</sup> season).
- He developed the Professional Internship Program that allows senior students to intern in New York and Los Angeles.

Outside of Otterbein, he co-founded such important organizations as the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Theatre Alliance. In addition to his efforts creating new organizations, he was a leader of Theta Alpha Phi, the national honorary theatre fraternity. He also served on the board of directors of the American Theatre Association.



In recognition of his prolific efforts promoting theatre in Columbus, he has been honored with awards from many sources, some of which include:

- Kennedy Center John F. Kennedy Medallion of Honor Award in 1988 for “Outstanding Contribution to American Theatre”
- Central Ohio Theatre Critics Circle Lifetime Achievement Award
- Doctors Hospital Golden Achievement Award
- Rotarian of the Year in 1992 (he was an active member of the Westerville Rotary Club)
- Westerville Jaycee Distinguished Service Award in 1967
- Otterbein President’s Award for “Outstanding Representative Faculty Member” 1973 to 1974
- Ohio Theatre Alliance Award 1981

He will be remembered for his tireless efforts promoting theatre both at Otterbein College and in Columbus.

### Sources:

News & Public Opinion April 30, 2003 Page 10A and 27A  
Columbus Dispatch April 27, 2003 Page D10

**John Benjamin Kessler**, 33, passed away on Friday, June 20, 2003.

A beloved son and brother, he is survived by his parents, John A. and Patricia Kessler; and sisters Lisa Kessler and Tracy Kessler, grandmother, Donna J. Paladino; aunts and uncles, Gloria and Tom Wagner, James and Rita Paladino, and Bernard and Mary Beth Paladino; numerous cousins; many wonderful friends, and his much loved dogs, Gidget, Rudy, Rocky, Shadow and Raven.

John was born on September 11, 1969. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Otterbein College in 1993. While at Otterbein, Kessler published work in the *Tan and Cardinal* and the *Quiz and Quill* magazine. He recently enrolled at Ohio Dominican College in order to work on his teaching certification. He also worked at Worthington Industries for seven years.

John loved writing, drawing, and the arts. He was comical and intelligent, and his honesty and unique perspective of the world will forever be missed.

A portion of a poem he wrote in 1991, titled *Me, Oh My*

*Me, oh my, we live to die. To crawl  
or fly, me oh my. Maybe we were  
born too late, Maybe we were born  
on time — Maybe things will fall  
to pieces, Maybe things will work  
out fine.*

### Sources:

Columbus Dispatch, June 26, 2003 Page C11  
& Kessler, J.B. (1991). *Me, Oh My*.



## A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost

**Marilyn E. Day**, 72, a retired Otterbein professor, coach, faculty adviser, Board of Trustee member, and dedicated member of the Friends of the Library died of cancer on September 17, 2003.

Marilyn received her bachelor's degree from Otterbein in 1953.

Marilyn's contributions to Otterbein were extensive both during the 44 years she worked and the too short time during her 'retirement' and include:

- advisor to Epsilon Kappa Tau Sorority for over 40 years,
- the first woman member of the Otterbein College Board of Trustees,
- a co-leader for "The London Experience" for over 30 years.
- honored by Otterbein with the Distinguished Service Award in 1993.
- helped bring Alpha Lambda Delta, a national honorary, to Otterbein. Day, along with Joanne Van Sant, served as Alpha Lambda Delta advisors until their retirements.
- active member of the Friends of the Library, serving as co-chair for the Fund Raising Committee for many years.
- served as co-chair of her class's golden reunion in 2003 and was instrumental in their success in

raising money for the library as their class gift.

Day is survived by her housemate and dear friend of 50 years, Dr. Joanne Van Sant and Tigger, her cat. She is survived by many family members, including her sisters Bonnie and Marjorie, her brother Tom, and 27 nieces and nephews, 44 great-nieces and nephews, and 7 great great nieces and nephews.

Marilyn will certainly be missed and remembered for her unselfish contributions to the college.

Sources: Tan & Cardinal. Sept. 25, 2003. Page 1 & Columbus Dispatch. Sept. 21, 2003. Page D8

## Capital Campaign and Facilities Changes

Exciting changes are in store for the Courtright Memorial Library! In December, new carpet was installed on the first floor. The work began on December 1st, when members of the Service Department and volunteers from around campus came to the library to help the library staff move the entire reference collection and all the other items located on any carpeted surfaces. The library remained open during this process.

The re-carpeting is the first stage of a series of renovations to the building. Beginning sometime in the spring/early summer, con-

struction will start in the area under the overhang to the east side (where the entrance to the building is located). The entire area will be enclosed and will contain three classrooms and an "Internet Café." Handicapped accessible doors will be added as well as restrooms, two of the things that many people comment that this library needs. Campus food service will provide a similar setup in the "Internet Café" as is currently available in Roush Hall. This renovation is planned to be completed by the beginning of the fall term in September 2004.

The Courtright Memorial Library is currently part of the Campaign Case Statement for the next fundraising campaign for the college. This campaign will raise money in support of a) the sciences and a new science facility; b) the College Archives and preserving our heritage;

c) endowments and student scholarships; d) faculty development and the center for Teaching and Learning; e) library materials; and f) Annual Fund. The anticipated goal is \$40.5 million with \$2 million earmarked for the library.



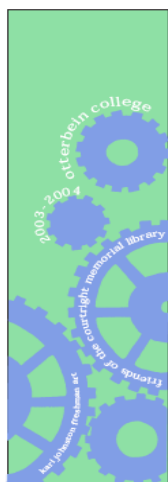
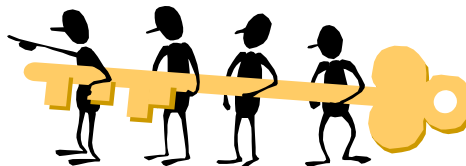
## Call for Nominations

We need your help! Would you be interested in being nominated for a position with the Friends of the Library?

Positions available include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two at large board members. The term is for two years. Take this opportunity to help the Friends of the Library and enjoy the fun of being on the Executive Committee. The committee helps plan two events each year and assists the Library Director with other

aspects of running a successful Friends of the Library Group. Members of the Executive Committee receive a free subscription to the FOLUSA Newsletter.

**Contact Lois Szudy, 614 823-1414 or Mary Pat Knight, 614 899-2225 if you are interesting in being nominated.**



## 2003-04 Bookmark

Once again this past year, students in Don Austin's 2-D design class competed for the opportunity to design the Friend's bookmark. Kari Johnston's art work was chosen for this honor.

Kari Johnston, '06 wrote the following when asked to describe how she came up with the idea for the bookmark: "When I received the assignment in my 2-D design class to make a bookmark for the library, I struggled to come up with an original idea. I made many sketches of the obvious things that go

on in the library such as: people reading books, writing, or studying. I knew I wanted something different

and less obvious, but still something that reminded me of what the library portrays. That's when I got the idea of 'thought'. ... I always picture gears or wheels turning in a person's head... I began to make small sketches ... I chose to use a variety of sizes of gears and wanted to make the gears run off the edge of the bookmark. ... I wanted the type to look like it was grinding and moving through the gears. ... The colors I chose were a bit out of ordinary for Otterbein and that was my intent. I wanted to do something new and refreshing. I chose light green and light blue because I felt that they were very energizing together. ... I really wanted to bring something new and refreshing to the representation of the library."

Members of the Friends of the Library receive a copy of her bookmark when they join or renew their membership.



*The Friendly Correspondence* is published 2 - 4 times per year. Please send any submissions for articles to Lois Szudy, Library Director, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081 or [LSzudy@otterbein.edu](mailto:LSzudy@otterbein.edu).

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